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I firmly believe that the Microsoft Settlement as currently proposed and agreed upon between Microsoft, the U.S. Government and various consenting states should be ratified by the courts without change and finalized. Perpetuating this litigation is a waste of taxpayer dollars and government resources. Additionally, the millions of dollars spent litigating this issue by Microsoft and other parties has benefited (and will benefit) no one other than attorneys.

Those opposed to the Microsoft Settlement include principally Microsoft competitors and a few states, led by California, who apparently are looking for their own personal benefit rather than for the good of the taxpayers and consumers. Opposition by Microsoft competitors should be read for what it is, a strategy to use the courts to gain a competitive advantage which should be restricted to the marketplace. As for California, this state believes it is its own imperial nation and should have everything its own way. I know. I live in this state. California believes, as do many of its residents, that they can sue anybody for anything regardless of the merits and the impact. The governor of this state unilaterally spent the entire state surplus of over \$6 billion on purchasing electricity to give away to its residents. This money was spent without approval of the legislature or the voters of the state. Now we are facing a state deficit and tax increases. California should drop this litigation and the additional waste of taxpayer dollars, just as did New York, and get on to better things.

I strongly urge the courts to uphold the current settlement and put this matter to bed.